

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 23, 2024

TO Honorable Members of the City Council Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee: Jesse Moreno (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Zarin Gracey, Chad West, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT Inclusive Housing Task Force Update

This memorandum provides an update by the Department of Housing and Community Development (Housing) about the Inclusive Housing Task Force (IHTF) that acts as an advisory body to the department.

## Selection Process

Between March 3 and May 3, 2024, Housing accepted applications both from prospective IHTF members, as well as from residents who desired to be on the selection committee to review IHTF member applications. Dallas Housing Policy 2033 (DHP33), Appendix C calls for the chairs of the Housing & Homelessness Solutions (HHSC) and Workforce, Education and Equity Committees, a Dallas resident, and Housing staff to make up the selection committee of the IHTF. Characteristics for selection included (1) all 14 districts represented; (2) community members; (3) developers; (4) advocacy groups; (5) philanthropy; and (6) faith-based organizations. Housing staff facilitated the process and interviewed members to ensure there were no conflicts of interest.

The first IHTF consists of 21 residents from 11 of 14 council districts, with districts 5, 7 and 11 not represented. The district 5 and 7 selected members withdrew after selection as their organizations will be seeking city support. District 11 did not have applicants who did not have a conflict of interest. The members are 38% Black, 38% White, and 24% Hispanic, and represent advocacy organizations, developers, businesses, faith-based and philanthropic organizations. There is a mix of members in both the Equity Strategy Target Areas (ESTA) and city-wide. Following is the chart of the members, including each applicant's self-reported demographic information.

Member	District	Race	Ethnicity	Community Affiliation
Kemeshia Richardson	District 6	Black	Not Hispanic	Advocacy
Adam Lamont	District 10	White	Not Hispanic	Advocacy
Karen Tatum Cole	District 6	Black	Not Hispanic	Community
Lauren Ortega	District 9	White	Hispanic	Community
Cameron Caldwell	District 12	Black	Not Hispanic	Community
Sonya Jefferson	District 4	Black	Not Hispanic	Community
Chukwudi Uraih	District 2	Black	Not Hispanic	Community

Anthony T. Castillo	District 4	White	Hispanic	Community
Jennifer L. Owen	District 9	White	Not Hispanic	Community
Suzanne S. Felber	District 1	White	Not Hispanic	Community
Lakeye Hurd	District 8	Black	Not Hispanic	Community
Stephanie-Keller Hudiburg	District 14	White	Not Hispanic	Development/Business
David J D'Amelio	District 14	White	Not Hispanic	Development/Business
Jennifer A. Schmiel	District 10	White	Not Hispanic	Development/Business
Lisa Ramos-Lopez	District 2	White	Hispanic	Community / ESTA
Daisy J. Hernandez	District 4	White	Hispanic	Community / ESTA
Denita Lacking-Quinn	District 3	Black	Not Hispanic	Community / ESTA
Zashone L. Lindley	District 8	Black	Not Hispanic	Community / ESTA
Lisa Padilla	District 1	White	Hispanic	Community / ESTA
Roy G. Atwood	District 14	White	Not Hispanic	Faith Based
Sharla Myers	District 13	White	Not Hispanic	Philanthropy

On April 23, 2023, Housing briefed HHSC on the overall design of the IHTF and discussed that to avoid conflicts of interest, application questions would include a statement that the members and the organizations they represent will not be recipients of City of Dallas funding. This process was put in place to avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest resulting from members helping to steer, adjust or craft policy and then leverage that knowledge to personally benefit.

**Meeting Dates**

The first meeting of the IHTF was held on July 19, 2024, at Singing Hills Recreation Center to review the Housing 101 presentation and discuss future agenda items. Following are the meetings to be held every other month through September 2025.

Date	Time	Location
September 19, 2024	6:00- 7:30 pm	Eloise Lundy Recreational Center
November 13, 2024	6:00- 7:30 pm	St. Paul A.M.E. Church
January 13, 2025	6:00- 7:30 pm	Vickery Meadow Youth Development
March 17, 2025	6:00- 7:30 pm	J C Phelps Recreation Center
May 14, 2025	6:00- 7:30 pm	TBD
July 16, 2025	6:00- 7:30 pm	TBD
September 17, 2025	6:00- 7:30 pm	TBD

Housing staff will provide administrative support including taking minutes and posting on Housing’s website, scheduling meeting locations, supplies, and agendas.

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Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact Cynthia Rogers-Ellickson, Director, Department of Housing & Community Development at [Cynthia.Rogersellic@dallas.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Rogersellic@dallas.gov) or 214-670-3601.

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